



**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AUSTIN, TEXAS
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Regional Directors
Directors, Local Health Departments
Directors, Independent WIC Local Agencies
Herman Horn, Chief, Bureau of Regional/Local Health Operations

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SUBJECT: TDH Dietetic Internship Accepting Applications for 2001

Applications for the year 2001 class are now being accepted by the TDH Dietetic Internship (DI). Interns accepted for this and succeeding classes will be eligible upon successful completion of the internship to become active members of the American Dietetic Association and to write the Registration Examination for Dietitians. Please help us spread the word by distributing the enclosed copies of the TDH DI Prospective Student Brochure to qualified WIC nutritionists (non-RDs) employed by WIC local agencies.

If your local agency does not have a registered or licensed dietitian on staff, or is unable to recruit an adequate number of RDs or LDs to meet the needs of your WIC participants, I would highly recommend that your agency consider this excellent opportunity for staff who may be qualified. WIC Central Office strongly supports the DI as a way to enhance the quality of nutrition services delivered to WIC clients. One of the goals of the DI is to increase the availability of advanced nutrition skills in the area of high risk problems in maternal and child health. USDA approves the use of federal WIC nutrition services and administration funds to support a WIC agency's development and operation of a DI that is approved/accredited by ADA.

For your information, the following materials are enclosed in the TDH DI application packet:

- TDH DI Prospective Student Brochure 2001
- Questions and Answers Regarding TDH Dietetic Internship
- Supervised Practice Program Application
- Supervisor's Information Form
- Local WIC Agency Agreement for Nutritionist to Participate in TDH DI
- Verification Form – Access to Transportation and E-mail
- Acknowledge of Work Obligation After Completion of TDH DI
- TDH DI Potential Facilities and Preceptors
- TDH DI Schedule - 2001
- Foodservice Management Experiences and Assignments
- Nutrition Therapy Experiences and Assignments
- Community Nutrition Experiences and Assignments